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Mr. Michael Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: Michigan Public Service Commission Petition: CC Docket No. 99-200 /

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to express my concern over the alarming rate at which Michigan area codes are exhausting available numbers. Since 1994 four area codes have been added with at least three more in need of relief. One of those area codes (616) encompasses the area I represent in the Michigan House and went through a geographical split in October of 1999. The 616 area code is again being reviewed for a subsequent geographical split or an overlay. The most optimistic projection is that we will need another split in six years.

Recently, the Michigan Public Service Commission submitted a formal request asking the FCC to grant the Grand Rapids and Detroit Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) the ability to extend the life of existing and newly created area codes through 1,000 block number distribution and participation in the initial round of proposed national number pooling.

Under your guidelines for such approval you specify that the numbering plan area must be in jeopardy, have a remaining lifespan of at least one year and that the numbering plan area is in one of the largest MSA's. The Grand Rapids and Detroit MSAs currently meet your criterion for eligibility.

Therefore, I believe that it is reasonable that the Federal Communications Commission grant the Michigan Public Services Commission's request to begin number conservation techniques that will save Michigan businesses millions of dollars in unnecessary costs.

As you are aware, the addition of new area codes whether through a geographic split or an overlay, as proposed in Grand Rapids, is costly to businesses and their employees. I also believe that the added confusion makes the overlay alternative the least attractive option for area code relief. It is important to state again that any area code solution short of number conservation mechanisms will cost businesses needed capital to expand and create jobs.

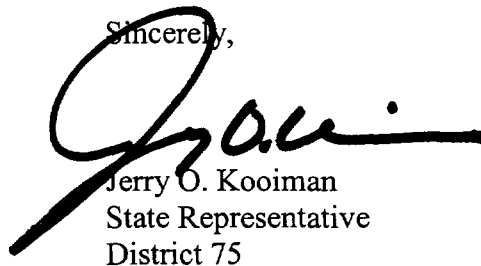
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A report to the Ad Hoc Telecommunications Users Committee stated that the available area codes, under a 10 number dialing plan, could be completely exhausted by 2007 if nothing is done. If additional numbers are added to the dialing plan to create more available numbers, the cost to businesses nationally could reach \$150 billion. It is imperative that the FCC take action to reduce the rate of area code exhaustion and the necessity for 11 or 12 number dialing plans.

The same study also shows that the proper implementation of number conservation mechanisms could extend the life of the current 10 number dialing plans to at least the year 2048 and possibly as far into the future as 2097.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (517) 373-2668.

Sincerely,



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Ex Parte Letter Re: File Nos. NSD-L-01-36 (Michigan)
CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 99-200)

Dear Secretary Salas:

Enclosed are five (5) copies of an ex parte presentation in the above-referenced proceeding.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. P. A." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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